

CLAIMS

1. A multiprocessor system comprising:

a first microprocessor having one or more interfacing logics including a first interfacing logic, the first microprocessor being clocked by a first system clock;

5 a memory controller connected to the first interfacing logic through at least a first bus for transmitting at least a first signal from the memory controller to the first interfacing logic, the memory controller being clocked by a second system clock; and

10 a second microprocessor connected to the memory controller through at least a second bus for transmitting at least a second signal from the memory controller to the second processor, the second bus requiring a first period of time more to transmit the second signal than what the first bus requires to transmit the first signal, the first interfacing logic delaying the first signal by the first period of time so that the first and the second signals are respectively received by the first and the second microprocessors substantially at the same time.

15 2. The multiprocessor system of Claim 1, wherein the second microprocessor comprises a second interfacing logic connected to the second bus.

20 3. The multiprocessor system of Claim 1, wherein the second microprocessor comprises a second interfacing logic connected to the second bus, and wherein the second interfacing logic does not delay the second signal.

25 4. The multiprocessor system of Claim 1, wherein the second microprocessor comprises a second interfacing logic connected to the second bus, and wherein the first interfacing logic delays the first signal by a second period of time and the second interfacing logic delays the second signal by a third period of time so that the first and the second signals are respectively received by the first and the second microprocessors substantially at the same time.

5. The multiprocessor system of Claim 1, wherein the memory controller comprises an address switch.

6. The multiprocessor system of Claim 1, wherein the first and the second signals
5 carry the same data.

7. The multiprocessor system of Claim 1, wherein the first interfacing logic comprises:

10 a first multiplexer configured for receiving the first signal and generating a first multiplexer output signal and controlled by a first control signal;

a first storage component connected to the first multiplexer for receiving the first multiplexer output signal from the first multiplexer and for providing a first storage-component output signal to the first multiplexer, the first storage component being clocked by a first control clock derived from the second system clock;

15 a second multiplexer configured for receiving the first signal and generating a second multiplexer output signal and controlled by a second control signal;

a second storage component connected to the second multiplexer for receiving the second multiplexer output signal from the second multiplexer and for providing a second storage-component output signal to the second multiplexer, the second storage component being clocked
20 by a second control clock derived from the second system clock;

a third multiplexer connected to at least the first and the second storage components for receiving the first and the second storage-component output signals and for generating a third multiplexer output signal, the third multiplexer being controlled by a third control signal; and

25 a third storage component connected to the third multiplexer for receiving the third multiplexer output signal from the third multiplexer and clocked by a third control clock derived from the first system clock.

8. The multiprocessor system of Claim 1, wherein the first interfacing logic comprises:

a first multiplexer configured for receiving the first signal and generating a first multiplexer output signal and controlled by a first control signal;

5 a first storage component connected to the first multiplexer for receiving the first multiplexer output signal from the first multiplexer and for providing a first storage-component output signal to the first multiplexer, the first storage component being clocked by a first control clock derived from the second system clock;

10 a second multiplexer configured for receiving the first signal and generating a second multiplexer output signal and controlled by a second control signal;

a second storage component connected to the second multiplexer for receiving the second multiplexer output signal from the second multiplexer and for providing a second storage-component output signal to the second multiplexer, the second storage component being clocked by a second control clock derived from the second system clock;

15 a third multiplexer configured for receiving the first signal and generating a third multiplexer output signal and controlled by a third control signal;

a third storage component connected to the third multiplexer for receiving the third multiplexer output signal from the third multiplexer and for providing a third storage-component output signal to the third multiplexer, the third storage component being clocked by a third control clock derived from the second system clock;

20 a fourth multiplexer connected to at least the first, the second, and the third storage components for receiving the first, the second, and the third storage-component output signals and for generating a fourth multiplexer output signal, the fourth multiplexer being controlled by a fourth control signal; and

25 a fourth storage component connected to the fourth multiplexer for receiving the fourth multiplexer output signal from the fourth multiplexer and clocked by a fourth control clock derived from the first system clock.

9. The multiprocessor system of Claim 1, wherein the first interfacing logic comprises:

a first multiplexer configured for receiving the first signal and generating a first multiplexer output signal and controlled by a first control signal;

a first storage component connected to the first multiplexer for receiving the first multiplexer output signal from the first multiplexer and for providing a first storage-component output signal to the first multiplexer, the first storage component being clocked by a first control clock derived from the second system clock;

a second multiplexer configured for receiving the first signal and generating a second multiplexer output signal and controlled by a second control signal;

a second storage component connected to the second multiplexer for receiving the second multiplexer output signal from the second multiplexer and for providing a second storage-component output signal to the second multiplexer, the second storage component being clocked by a second control clock derived from the second system clock;

a third multiplexer configured for receiving the first signal and generating a third multiplexer output signal and controlled by a third control signal;

a third storage component connected to the third multiplexer for receiving the third multiplexer output signal from the third multiplexer and for providing a third storage-component output signal to the third multiplexer, the third storage component being clocked by a third control clock derived from the second system clock;

a fourth multiplexer configured for receiving the first signal and generating a fourth multiplexer output signal and controlled by a fourth control signal;

a fourth storage component connected to the fourth multiplexer for receiving the fourth multiplexer output signal from the fourth multiplexer and for providing a fourth storage-component output signal to the fourth multiplexer, the fourth storage component being clocked by a fourth control clock derived from the second system clock;

a fifth multiplexer connected to at least the first, the second, the third, and the fourth storage components for receiving the first, the second, the third, and the fourth storage-component output signals and for generating a fifth multiplexer output signal, the fifth multiplexer being controlled by a fifth control signal; and

5 a fifth storage component connected to the fifth multiplexer for receiving the fifth multiplexer output signal from the fifth multiplexer and clocked by a fifth control clock derived from the first system clock.

10. A multiprocessor system comprising:

10 a memory controller having one or more interfacing logics including a first interfacing logic, the memory controller being clocked by a first system clock;

a first microprocessor connected to the first interfacing logic through at least a first bus for transmitting at least a first signal from the first microprocessor to the first interfacing logic, the first microprocessor being clocked by a second system clock; and

15 a second microprocessor connected to the memory controller through at least a second bus for transmitting at least a second signal from the second processor to the memory controller, the second bus requiring a first period of time more to transmit the second signal than what the first bus requires to transmit the first signal, the first interfacing logic delaying the first signal by the first period of time so that the first and the second signals are respectively received by the
20 first and the second microprocessors substantially at the same time.

11. The multiprocessor system of Claim 10, wherein the memory controller comprises a second interfacing logic connected to the second bus.

25 12. The multiprocessor system of Claim 10, wherein the memory controller comprises a second interfacing logic connected to the second bus, and wherein the second interfacing logic does not delay the second signal.

13. The multiprocessor system of Claim 10, wherein the memory controller comprises a second interfacing logic connected to the second bus, and wherein the first interfacing logic delays the first signal by a second period of time and the second interfacing logic delays the second signal by a third period of time so that the first and the second signals are received by the memory controller substantially at the same time.

14. The multiprocessor system of Claim 10, wherein the memory controller comprises an address switch.

15. The multiprocessor system of Claim 10, wherein the first and the second signals carry the same data.

16. The multiprocessor system of Claim 10, wherein the first interfacing logic comprises:

a first multiplexer configured for receiving the first signal and generating a first multiplexer output signal and controlled by a first control signal;

a first storage component connected to the first multiplexer for receiving the first multiplexer output signal from the first multiplexer and for providing a first storage-component output signal to the first multiplexer, the first storage component being clocked by a first control clock derived from the second system clock;

a second multiplexer configured for receiving the first signal and generating a second multiplexer output signal and controlled by a second control signal;

a second storage component connected to the second multiplexer for receiving the second multiplexer output signal from the second multiplexer and for providing a second storage-component output signal to the second multiplexer, the second storage component being clocked by a second control clock derived from the second system clock;

a third multiplexer connected to at least the first and the second storage components for receiving the first and the second storage-component output signals and for generating a third multiplexer output signal, the third multiplexer being controlled by a third control signal; and

a third storage component connected to the third multiplexer for receiving the third multiplexer output signal from the third multiplexer and clocked by a third control clock derived from the first system clock.

17. The multiprocessor system of Claim 10, wherein the first interfacing logic comprises:

a first multiplexer configured for receiving the first signal and generating a first multiplexer output signal and controlled by a first control signal;

a first storage component connected to the first multiplexer for receiving the first multiplexer output signal from the first multiplexer and for providing a first storage-component output signal to the first multiplexer, the first storage component being clocked by a first control clock derived from the second system clock;

a second multiplexer configured for receiving the first signal and generating a second multiplexer output signal and controlled by a second control signal;

a second storage component connected to the second multiplexer for receiving the second multiplexer output signal from the second multiplexer and for providing a second storage-component output signal to the second multiplexer, the second storage component being clocked by a second control clock derived from the second system clock;

a third multiplexer configured for receiving the first signal and generating a third multiplexer output signal and controlled by a third control signal;

a third storage component connected to the third multiplexer for receiving the third multiplexer output signal from the third multiplexer and for providing a third storage-component output signal to the third multiplexer, the third storage component being clocked by a third control clock derived from the second system clock;

a fourth multiplexer connected to at least the first, the second, and the third storage components for receiving the first, the second, and the third storage-component output signals and for generating a fourth multiplexer output signal, the fourth multiplexer being controlled by a fourth control signal; and

5 a fourth storage component connected to the fourth multiplexer for receiving the fourth multiplexer output signal from the fourth multiplexer and clocked by a fourth control clock derived from the first system clock.

10 18. The multiprocessor system of Claim 10, wherein the first interfacing logic comprises:

a first multiplexer configured for receiving the first signal and generating a first multiplexer output signal and controlled by a first control signal;

15 a first storage component connected to the first multiplexer for receiving the first multiplexer output signal from the first multiplexer and for providing a first storage-component output signal to the first multiplexer, the first storage component being clocked by a first control clock derived from the second system clock;

a second multiplexer configured for receiving the first signal and generating a second multiplexer output signal and controlled by a second control signal;

20 a second storage component connected to the second multiplexer for receiving the second multiplexer output signal from the second multiplexer and for providing a second storage-component output signal to the second multiplexer, the second storage component being clocked by a second control clock derived from the second system clock;

a third multiplexer configured for receiving the first signal and generating a third multiplexer output signal and controlled by a third control signal;

25 a third storage component connected to the third multiplexer for receiving the third multiplexer output signal from the third multiplexer and for providing a third storage-component output signal to the third multiplexer, the third storage component being clocked by a third

control clock derived from the second system clock;

a fourth multiplexer configured for receiving the first signal and generating a fourth multiplexer output signal and controlled by a fourth control signal;

a fourth storage component connected to the fourth multiplexer for receiving the fourth
5 multiplexer output signal from the fourth multiplexer and for providing a fourth storage-
component output signal to the fourth multiplexer, the fourth storage component being clocked
by a fourth control clock derived from the second system clock;

a fifth multiplexer connected to at least the first, the second, the third, and the fourth
storage components for receiving the first, the second, the third, and the fourth storage-
10 component output signals and for generating a fifth multiplexer output signal, the fifth
multiplexer being controlled by a fifth control signal; and

a fifth storage component connected to the fifth multiplexer for receiving the fifth
multiplexer output signal from the fifth multiplexer and clocked by a fifth control clock derived
from the first system clock.